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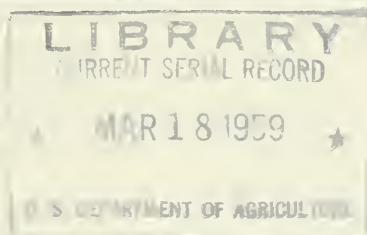
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BURMA HARVESTS BUMPER RICE

CROP; EXPORT SUPPLIES UP

Burma's 1958-59 rice crop (harvested mainly December-January) is estimated at a postwar record 17,900 million pounds (8.1 million metric tons) of rough rice, compared with the poor 1957-58 crop of 13,000 million pounds (5.9 million tons). Climate was exceptionally favorable in the growing and harvesting periods.

The 1958-59 output is at the prewar level for the first time since World War II. The bumper crop is mainly the result of high yields harvested per acre. Rice acreage declined during the war, and though the area increased several hundred thousand acres this season, approximately 2.5 million acres have not yet been reclaimed.

From its large 1958-59 crop, Burma should have an export availability of around 2.4 million metric tons of rice and rice products (rice products amount to about 10 percent). However, it appears doubtful whether the country can find markets for that quantity in 1959.

The government is procuring heavy stocks of paddy rice at fixed prices. Because of the unusually large crop, procurement is expected to be very high. The volume available for export on January 1 was more than Burmese ports normally are able to physically handle in a year, unless large shipments are started at the first of the year. Therefore, the government may own large stocks at the year's end.

Up to February the Burmese had not tried hard to sell their rice, probably due mainly to belief that the strong demand for rice in 1958 would continue. On the contrary, as it became known that several countries of southeast Asia, including Burma, would have bumper crops, the foreign rice market changed suddenly from a sellers' to a buyers' market.

The first contract for the new crop, signed on December 5, 1958, was for 250,000 long tons (254,000 metric tons) to Indonesia, and Indonesia

has indicated it will purchase another 50,000 tons from Burma. The December contract was for the following types and prices:

Quality	Type of grain	Quantity	Price	Total cost
		1,000	Dollars per	1,000
		metric tons	100 pounds	dollars
Small Mills Special ...	Medium-short	228.6	4.37	22,009
Small Mills Quality ...	" "	20.3	4.52	2,046
Meedone Bazaar Quality	Long	5.1	4.75	533
Total		254.0	1/ 4.39	24,588

1/ Average price.

In early January, Burma offered for the first time a large quantity of rice for competitive bids. Both governments and private trade were invited to bid. This was in addition to continued negotiations to sell under government-to-government contracts at fixed prices. The State Agricultural Marketing Board (SAMB) offered for sale 540,000 long tons of rice and rice products —about one-fourth of the total surplus from the 1958-59 crop—and 54,150 tons of 1957-58 production. The bids were to be submitted by January 21, 1959.

All the bids for the 1958-59 crop were refused. The following qualities and quantities of the 1957-58 crop are reported to have been sold at the f.o.b. prices indicated, which are first cost (do not cover freight, commissions, and expenses):

Quality	Quantity	Price, f.o.b.
	Long	per
	tons	long ton
Meedone Bazaar Quality	1,000	31-15
Sughandi, Small Mills Special:	3,500	37
Long boiled	1,900	41-7-6
Boiled Milchar, No. 2	3,000	37-7-6
Yahine, S.M.S.	350	37-17-6
Brokens, Nos. 1 & 2	7,000	25-7-6
Brokens, Nos. 2, 3, & 4 mixed:	6,000	24-7-6
Nos. 2, 3 & 4 mixed	1,000	24-5
Total	23,750	—

Source: London Rice Brokers' Association Circular, January 30, 1959.

Rice export data for December 1958 are not yet available. Exports from January through November were 1,362,000 metric tons, down approximately 330,000 tons from those in the comparable period of 1957. Rice exports in calendar year 1957 were 1,754,000 metric tons.

RICE (milled) 1/: Burma's exports, January-November 1958 with comparisons 2/

Country of destination	: 1957 :	1958				
	: January- :	: January- :	: September :	: October :	: November :	: January- :
	: November :	: August :	: :	: :	: :	: November :
	: Metric :	: Metric :	: Metric :	: Metric :	: Metric :	: Metric :
	: tons :	: tons :	: tons :	: tons :	: tons :	: tons :
Ceylon	298,203:	141,768:	12,498 :	14,056:	21,678 :	190,000
Hong Kong	1,488:	1,595:	0 :	333:	2,750 :	4,678
India	493,404:	328,039:	9,859 :	23,504:	13,099 :	374,501
Indonesia	211,692:	154,582:	12,345 :	54,883:	24,349 :	246,159
Japan	106,085:	50,860:	0 :	0:	0 :	50,860
Malaya & Singapore:	121,725:	109,904:	11,283 :	15,942:	2,308 :	139,437
Pakistan	132,123:	115,252:	9,631 :	5,080:	9,890 :	139,853
Philippine Rep. ..:	0:	29,613:	0 :	0:	0 :	29,613
Ryukyu Islands ...:	30,888:	20,314:	0 :	0:	0 :	20,314
Western Asia:	53,191:	16,847:	4,554 :	6,442:	751 :	28,594
Soviet Union	73,267:	0:	0 :	0:	0 :	0
Maldives Islands ..:	5,176:	2,821:	0 :	0:	0 :	2,821
Germany <u>3/</u>	28,407:	13,311:	4,208 :	12,712:	0 :	30,231
Belgium-Luxembourg:	21,156:	14,907:	160 :	1,003:	512 :	16,582
Netherlands	10,208:	3,254:	0 :	0:	0 :	3,254
United Kingdom ...:	8,887:	1,413:	202 :	122:	51 :	1,788
Yugoslavia	21,554:	20,501:	533 :	319:	0 :	21,353
East Africa	6,401:	2,216:	0 :	212:	0 :	2,428
Mauritius	43,190:	32,067:	8,228 :	0:	0 :	40,295
West Africa	9,014:	8,094:	999 :	1,994:	0 :	11,087
Other Africa	1,514:	1,625:	0 :	0:	0 :	1,625
West Indies	12,121:	4,034:	0 :	0:	2,023 :	6,057
Other	1,067:	0:	0 :	50:	501 :	551
Total	1,690,761:	1,073,017:	74,500 :	136,652:	77,912 :	1,362,081

1/ Excludes bran. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Probably includes both East and West Germany.

Source: State Agricultural Marketing Board, Rangoon.

January-November exports to India and Ceylon, the principal markets in 1957, were less by 119,000 and 108,000 tons, respectively, than in the same period of 1957. Exports to Japan declined 55,000 tons. Exports to European countries also decreased. On the other hand, more rice was shipped to Indonesia, the third largest market, and also to Pakistan, Malaya and Singapore, and the

Philippine Republic.

In order to clear out warehouses and to dispose of old stocks, odd lots, and damaged rice, during August and September the SAMB offered for competitive bids approximately 160,000 tons of rice and brokens from the 1951-52 to 1956-57 crops. After buyers complained that the "one lot" basis was unfair and the 9-months' shipping period inadequate, in October new bids were requested. A commission was set up to attain impartiality, and on its recommendation, the entire lot went to the first bidder, a Chinese group financed in Singapore.

Burma's monthly exports of rice and rice products are shown in the following table:

RICE AND RICE PRODUCTS: Burma's exports, by port, monthly,
October-September 1956-57 and 1957-58

Month	Rangoon	Akyab	Moulmein	Bassein	Total
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
1956-57:					
October	138,656:	6,689 :	2,419 :	43,682 :	191,446
November	97,957:	7,993 :	11,415 :	34,207 :	151,572
December	96,835:	5,452 :	1,435 :	18,514 :	122,236
January	52,821:	9,988 :	416 :	5,267 :	68,491
February	105,716:	9,160 :	27,304 :	34,852 :	177,032
March	159,229:	20,368 :	17,954 :	41,291 :	238,844
April	121,440:	10,059 :	18,558 :	45,533 :	195,590
May	161,225:	13,232 :	13,988 :	45,113 :	233,558
June	84,800:	— :	2,845 :	37,794 :	125,439
July	124,861:	— :	3,966 :	34,626 :	163,453
August	149,919:	— :	3,349 :	32,148 :	185,416
September	146,703:	— :	7,566 :	29,969 :	184,237
Total	1,440,162:	82,941 :	111,215 :	402,996 :	2,037,314
1957-58:					
October	101,221:	16,792 :	1,237 :	9,387 :	128,638
November	69,990:	5,755 :	3,774 :	10,392 :	89,912
December	58,653:	14,321 :	501 :	3,641 :	77,116
January	63,040:	9,053 :	293 :	4,644 :	77,030
February	50,957:	15,632 :	7,533 :	14,713 :	88,835
March	111,581:	21,478 :	25,124 :	34,226 :	192,409
April	103,508:	17,488 :	25,861 :	38,747 :	185,603
May	116,457:	12,291 :	14,929 :	23,587 :	167,264
June	99,875:	— :	13,243 :	24,562 :	137,681
July	99,573:	— :	8,719 :	31,348 :	139,639
August	91,335:	— :	6,930 :	40,705 :	138,969
September	52,830:	— :	13,938 :	8,941 :	75,709
Total	1,019,020:	112,810 :	122,082 :	244,893 :	1,498,805

Source: State Agricultural Marketing Board, Rangoon.

The SAMB has not yet announced an export price for the 1958-59 crop. In the Indonesian sale, the average government-to-government price for Small Mills Special quality was £34.18 per long ton (\$4.39 per 100 pounds). In comparison, the 1958 export price was £37 (\$4.63 per 100 pounds) per long ton for 42-percent broken, f.o.b. Rangoon.

RICE: Prices, at Rangoon, Small Mills Special, 42-percent broken, f.o.b., July 1945-1958

Year	£ sterling per long ton	Dollars per metric ton	Dollars per 100 pounds
1945 (July-December)...	20.4	80.00	3.63
1946	28.0	111.11	5.04
1947	33.3	132.06	5.99
1948	38.0	150.79	6.84
1949	38.0	1/150.79 - 104.72	1/6.84 - 4.75
1950	40.0	110.23	5.00
1951	45.0	123.90	5.62
1952 <u>2/</u>	50.0 - 55.0	137.79 - 151.68	6.25 - 6.88
1953 <u>2/</u>	60.0	165.34	7.50
1954 <u>2/</u>	50.0	137.79	6.25
1955 <u>2/</u>	42	115.30	5.23
1956 <u>2/</u>	36-5	99.87	4.53
1957 <u>2/</u>	33	90.83	4.12
1958 <u>2/</u>	37	102.07	4.63

1/ The exchange rate of the £ sterling was lowered in September 1949 from \$4.03 to \$2.80. 2/ Government-to-government prices.

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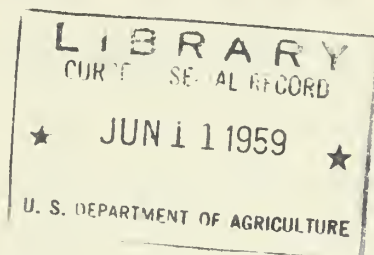
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U. S. EXPORTS LESS

RICE IN 1958

U.S. rice exports in calendar year 1958 dropped 25 percent from 1957 exports and were 6 percent below average shipments in 1951-55. Exports totaled 13,054,000 bags (100 pounds) in terms of milled rice, compared with 17,305,000 bags in 1957, and the record 21,474,000 bags in 1956.

Thirty-seven percent was exported under government programs. Of the 4,809,000 bags shipped under Public Law 480, around 45 percent was to Pakistan. Other P.L. 480 exports went to Indonesia, Peru, Ceylon, the Philippine Republic, and Greece.

For the first time since 1951 (see Circular FR 2-58, March 20, 1958), rice exports to Western Hemisphere countries, principally Cuba, exceeded those to Asia. Cuba -- which took nearly a third of total exports -- was by far the largest importer. The 4,205,000 bags to Cuba approximated Cuba's imports in 1957, and were well above 1955 and 1956, but they were around 300 bags less than average in 1951-55.

Peru, virtually a new market, was the fourth largest destination, taking 982,000 bags. The rice shipped there -- about two-thirds of it under P.L. 480 -- was well received by Peruvian consumers. Exports also increased to the British West Indies -- principally Trinidad -- Guatemala, and Netherlands Antilles.

Rice exports to Asia were the smallest in 7 years. Shipments to the Philippines rose sharply, and exports increased to Ceylon and Indonesia. However, no rice was exported to India or Korea, compared with total 1957 exports to those countries of 6,317,000 bags. Korea had a large rice crop and no need for imports. Exports to Pakistan, a major destination in the last 3 years, declined 23 percent.

UNITED STATES: Rice exports, in terms of milled, to specified countries,
by calendar year, average 1946-55, annual 1955-58 1/

Country of destination	Average		1955	1956	1957	1958 2/
	1946-50	1951-55				
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Western Hemisphere:						
Canada	401	534	550	313	395	275
British Honduras	13	21	30	30	25	25
British West Indies	86	32	10	88	84	101
Canal Zone	32	1	1	26	27	8
Cuba	5,394	4,521	2,574	3,165	4,201	4,205
El Salvador	0	1	2	42	1	2/
Guatemala	2	1	2	43	40	55
Haiti	3	27	71	13	49	17
Netherlands Antilles	10	38	37	33	49	59
Bolivia	12	25	110	257	0	44
Colombia	1	106	42	3	3	2/
Peru	3/	3/	3/	1	1	982
Venezuela	93	170	52	34	40	2
Other countries	49	22	49	120	7	88
Total	6,096	5,499	3,530	4,168	4,922	5,861
Europe:						
Austria	63	6	23	7	5	0
Belgium-Luxembourg	104	186	457	522	342	131
France	11	3/	3/	79	2/	0
West Germany	14	19	56	27	18	310
Greece	148	65	1	5	13	42
Netherlands	3	18	70	66	15	86
Sweden	3/	16	12	13	13	28
Switzerland	45	41	23	56	23	34
United Kingdom	1	3/	0	1	3/	171
Other countries	29	25	70	20	3	20
Total	418	376	712	796	432	822
Asia:						
Ceylon	0	278	0	0	0	881
China	796	0	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	36	36	0	5	3/	10
India	3/	41	205	1,052	3,334	0
Indochina	3/	44	220	10	3/	1
Indonesia	576	581	0	5,265	674	842
Japan	317	4,922	6,116	96	21	4
Korea, Republic of	98	4/1,663	0	6	2,983	0
Pakistan	0	3/	0	5,531	2,789	2,157
Philippines	1,134	22	42	22	386	1,316
Ryukyu Islands	0	123	0	5/ 201	5/ 7	5/ 145
Saudi Arabia	87	122	72	80	126	109
Other Arabian States	10	2	1	15	110	95
Other countries	14	11	11	6/ 246	10	32
Total	3,068	7,845	6,667	12,529	10,440	5,592
Total Oceania	3	18	23	48	56	52
French West Africa	3/	40	200	426	0	1
Liberia	35	99	235	258	324	251
Other Africa	2	6	15	22	18	85
Destination not specified	0	0	0	0	0	17
Total	9,622	13,883	11,382	18,247	16,192	12,681
Section 416 donations	0	0	0	2,424	1,113	373
Ground rough rice for animal						
feed 7/	0	0	0	803	0	0
World total	9,622	13,883	11,382	21,474	17,305	13,054

1/ Milled rice including brown, screenings, and brewers' rice and rough rice converted to terms of milled at 65 percent. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Less than 500 cwt. 4/ Adjusted to include all programs of the Department of Defense and the International Cooperation Administration. 5/ Programed by ICA and shipped by the Army. 6/ 221,000 cwt. to Turkey. 7/ Sold by Commodity Credit Corporation.

Source: Bureau of the Census and Department of Agriculture.

UNITED STATES: Rice exports, by country of destination and by classification, calendar year 1958 1/

Country of destination	Rough		Milled		Total, in terms of milled
	Unmilled	In terms of milled 2/	75% and over broken	Less than 75% broken	
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Western Hemisphere:					
Canada	154,929	100,704	19,193	155,527	275,424
Mexico	0	0	115	286	401
Guatemala	460	299	0	54,671	54,970
British Honduras	0	0	0	24,540	24,540
El Salvador	200	130	0	0	130
Honduras	0	0	15,000	31,215	46,215
Nicaragua	2,300	1,495	100	47,810	49,405
Costa Rica	800	520	0	0	520
Panama	2,950	1,917	0	1,521	3,438
Canal Zone	0	0	0	7,794	7,794
Bermuda	0	0	0	3,948	3,948
Bahamas	0	0	180	11,003	11,183
Cuba	128,520	83,538	2,000	4,119,051	4,204,589
Jamaica	0	0	0	5,473	5,473
Haiti	5,557	3,612	0	12,944	16,556
Dominican Republic	480	312	0	0	312
Trinidad	0	0	0	68,910	68,910
Netherlands Antilles	0	0	0	58,500	58,500
French West Indies	0	0	0	321	321
Colombia	0	0	0	200	200
Venezuela	200	130	0	2,281	2,411
Peru	0	0	0	981,932	981,932
Bolivia	0	0	0	44,077	44,077
Chile	0	0	0	108	108
Total	296,396	192,657	36,588	5,632,112	5,861,357
Europe:					
Iceland	0	0	1,430	3,743	5,173
Sweden	0	0	0	27,997	27,997
Denmark	0	0	475	11,542	12,017
United Kingdom	14,560	9,464	26,038	135,653	171,155
Ireland	0	0	1,272	972	2,244
Netherlands	0	0	5,637	79,970	85,607
Belgium-Luxembourg	0	0	6,491	124,403	130,894
West Germany	0	0	10,047	300,054	310,101
Switzerland	0	0	0	34,291	34,291
Italy	0	0	429	46	475
Greece	0	0	1,080	41,026	42,106
Total	14,560	9,464	52,899	759,697	822,060
Asia:					
Lebanon	0	0	0	201	201
Iraq	0	0	0	6,705	6,705
Israel	0	0	0	724	724
Kuwait	0	0	0	85,027	85,027
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	109,189	109,189
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	0	0	0	3,360	3,360
Aden	0	0	0	3,850	3,850
Bahrain	0	0	0	2,500	2,500
Afghanistan	0	0	0	100	100
Pakistan	0	0	109,468	2,048,005	2,157,473
Ceylon	0	0	0	880,720	880,720
Vietnam	0	0	0	1,010	1,010
Indonesia	0	0	0	841,919	841,919
Philippine Republic	0	0	89,184	1,227,051	1,316,235
Hong Kong	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Japan	0	0	0	4,374	4,374
Nansei and Nanpo Islands	0	0	20,832	2,583	23,415
Total	0	0	229,484	5,217,318	5,446,802
Africa:					
Morocco	661	430	0	32	462
Canary Islands	0	0	0	4,480	4,480
French West Africa	0	0	0	896	896
Ghana	0	0	0	14,010	14,010
Liberia	0	0	0	250,552	250,552
Belgian Congo	0	0	0	387	387
Ethiopia	0	0	0	4,480	4,480
French Somaliland	0	0	0	52,205	52,205
British Somaliland	0	0	0	3,500	3,500
Mozambique	300	195	0	0	195
Union of South Africa	0	0	0	4,539	4,539
Somalia	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Total	961	625	0	336,081	336,706
Trust Territory of the Pacific	0	0	0	51,632	51,632
Destination not specified	0	0	500	17,081	17,581
Total exports (Census)	311,917	202,746	319,471	12,013,921	12,536,138
Ryukyus Islands 3/.....	0	0	0	145,000	145,000
Section 416 donations	0	0	0	372,914	372,914
World total	311,917	202,746	319,471	12,531,835	13,054,052

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Rough rice converted at 65 percent. 3/ Programed by International Cooperation Administration and shipped by the Department of Defense.

Source: Bureau of the Census and Department of Agriculture.

Rice exports to Europe were the largest since World War II, when the United States was one of a few sources, and world rice supplies were allocated. The most significant increases in 1958 were in exports to West Germany and the United Kingdom. Around 310,000 bags were exported to West Germany, compared with 18,000 in 1957 and with the previous postwar record of 56,000 bags in 1955. Exports to the United Kingdom amounted to 171,000 bags, the first significant postwar exports to that market.

Quantities shipped to Greece, Sweden, and Switzerland also increased. However, exports to Belgium-Luxembourg declined sharply as a result of the global quota set in 1958, and no rice was exported to Austria for the first time since 1950.

Ninety-six percent of all exports were classified as milled, less than 75 percent broken, and 2.4 percent was milled, with over 75 percent broken content. Only 1.6 percent of the exports was rough rice (computed in terms of milled). The principal markets for rough rice were Canada and Cuba, and smaller exports went to other Western Hemisphere countries. Nearly 15,000 bags of rough rice was exported to the United Kingdom.

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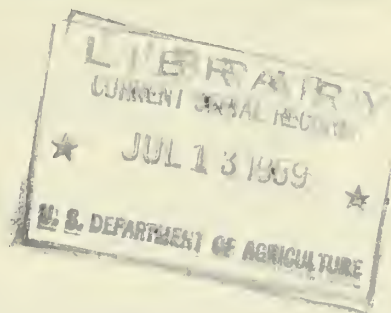
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WORLD RICE PRODUCTION

UNUSUALLY HIGH

World rice production in 1958-59 (August-July) greatly exceeds the previous record crop of 1956-57, according to the Foreign Agricultural Service. Almost ideal production weather in several important rice areas, increased acreage, and improved cultivation account for the bumper crop.

World rice production outside Communist areas in 1958-59 is estimated at 291.2 billion pounds of rough rice, 25.3 billion pounds larger than the poor 1957-58 crop, and 6.5 billion pounds above the previous record output of 1956-57. (In terms of milled rice, the 1958-59 crop is 7.7 million metric tons more than in 1957-58, 2 million above 1956-57, and 12 million more than the average.)

There has been a marked increase in world rice acreage in recent years. The record 1958-59 acreage, excluding that in Communist areas, is estimated at 203 million acres, 5 million more than in the preceding year, and 12 million above the average from 1950-51 through 1954-55. Acreage this year is up on all continents except Africa.

Average rice yields per acre in the non-Communist countries this season are higher than ever before. Those of non-Communist Asia — producer of nearly 90 percent of the world crop excluding that of the Communist group — far surpass the previous highest level. Yields were above average also in North America, Europe, and Oceania, but adverse weather reduced them in important rice areas of South America and Africa.

Asia has a bumper rice crop. The record 1958-59 acreage is estimated at 184 million acres, 5 million more than in the preceding year, and 11 million above the 1950-51/54-55 average. Therefore, the high yields harvested resulted in an extraordinarily big crop.

RICE (rough): Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries, average 1950-51/1954-55, annual 1956-57 to 1958-59 1/2

1950-51/1954-55, annual 1956-57 to 1958-59 1/2 (Continued from Page 21)

Continent and country	Acreage				Yield per acre				Production					
	Average				Average				Average					
	1950-51	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1950-51	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1950-51	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1958-59	
	to	2/	2/	2/	to	2/	2/	2/	to	2/	2/	2/	2/	
1954-55					1954-55				1954-55					
North America:														
Mexico	235	285	290	310	1,574	1,818	1,824	1,790	369.9	518.2	528.9	555.0		
United States	2,068	1,569	1,340	1,421	2,419	3,152	3,204	3,309	5,002.6	4,945.9	4,293.5	4,701.5		
Costa Rica	72	92	92	112	1,183	815	862	1,116	85.2	75.0	79.3	125.0		
El Salvador	44	38	36	31	1,430	1,745	1,842	1,435	62.9	66.3	66.3	44.5		
Guatemala	21	21	22	23	1,043	905	1,123	1,113	21.9	19.0	24.7	25.6		
Honduras	27	32	33	33	926	916	927	958	25.0	29.3	30.6	31.6		
Nicaragua	66	62	69	—	1,298	1,035	1,020	—	85.7	64.2	70.4	70.0		
Panama	179	210	220	225	1,165	1,028	879	1,178	208.5	215.9	193.4	265.0		
Cuba	175	400	270	250	1,829	1,538	2,130	2,000	320.0	615.0	575.0	500.0		
Dominican Republic	112	120	120	—	1,703	1,875	1,833	—	190.7	225.0	220.0	—		
Total North America	3,097	2,931	2,602	2,708	2,104	2,363	2,395	2,468	6,515.1	6,926.3	6,230.6	6,683.2		
South America:														
Argentina	140	142	149	100	2,815	3,040	3,205	2,500	394.1	431.7	477.5	250.0		
Bolivia	40	43	47	50	1,480	1,395	1,383	1,500	59.2	60.0	65.0	75.0		
Brazil 2/	5,362	6,240	6,283	6,400	1,340	1,467	1,399	1,281	7,182.5	9,151.2	8,792.5	8,200.0		
British Guiana	134	134	125	135	2,087	1,978	1,880	2,519	279.7	265.0	235.0	340.0		
Chile	69	70	76	94	2,512	2,000	2,637	2,021	173.3	140.0	200.4	190.0		
Colombia	401	482	482	487	1,465	1,546	1,602	1,767	587.3	745.2	772.1	860.3		
Ecuador	150	174	130	150	1,767	1,753	1,792	1,667	265.0	305.0	233.0	250.0		
Paraguay	23	—	—	—	1,730	—	—	—	39.8	42.0	51.0	44.0		
Peru	152	148	161	146	3,643	3,530	3,697	2,959	553.8	522.5	595.2	432.0		
Surinam	49	62	70	77	2,580	2,532	1,736	2,435	126.4	157.0	121.5	187.5		
Uruguay	38	47	42	46	3,095	2,672	3,036	1,783	117.6	125.6	127.5	82.0		
Venezuela	100	100	75	—	1,200	1,120	1,067	—	120.0	112.0	80.0	—		
Total South America	6,658	7,666	7,667	7,820	1,487	1,573	1,533	1,412	9,898.9	12,057.4	11,750.9	11,041.0		
Europe:														
France	43	58	67	79	3,567	3,779	3,731	4,013	153.4	219.2	250.0	317.0		
Greece	44	28	35	42	3,152	3,421	3,749	3,510	138.7	95.8	131.2	147.4		
Italy	409	341	311	332	4,600	4,285	4,518	4,819	1,881.5	1,461.1	1,405.0	1,600.0		
Portugal	80	96	92	88	3,841	3,683	3,879	3,928	307.3	353.6	356.9	345.7		
Spain	160	162	164	156	4,737	5,225	5,213	5,288	757.9	846.5	855.0	825.0		
Yugoslavia	10	14	13	14	2,750	3,307	3,677	3,436	27.5	46.3	47.8	48.1		
Total West Europe	746	699	682	711	4,378	4,324	4,466	4,618	3,266.3	3,022.5	3,045.9	3,283.2		
Hungary	60	114	95	81	2,038	1,859	1,992	1,990	122.3	211.9	189.2	161.2		
Rumania	45	42	38	41	2,296	1,917	2,066	1,951	103.3	80.5	78.5	80.0		
Total East Europe	142	156	175	164	2,088	2,021	2,033	2,020	246.5	396.1	355.7	331.2		
Total Europe	888	895	857	875	4,012	3,820	3,969	4,131	3,562.8	3,418.6	3,401.6	3,614.4		
Africa:														
Algeria	3	6	5	4	3,200	2,633	2,480	2,200	9.6	15.8	12.4	8.8		
Egypt	539	717	759	538	3,394	3,835	3,821	3,253	1,829.4	2,750.0	2,900.0	1,750.0		

Morocco	10 :	18 :	15 :	14 :	3,590 :	2,444 :	3,527 :	3,464 :	35.9 :	44.0 :	52.9 :	48.5 :
Belgian Congo	416 :	408 :	405 :	— :	921 :	970 :	963 :	— :	383.2 :	395.6 :	390.0 :	— :
French Camerouns	13 :	17 :	17 :	18 :	800 :	841 :	859 :	889 :	10.4 :	14.3 :	14.6 :	16.0 :
French Equatorial Africa	53 :	68 :	69 :	70 :	928 :	1,262 :	1,262 :	1,286 :	49.2 :	85.8 :	87.1 :	90.0 :
French Togoland	29 :	35 :	33 :	— :	855 :	857 :	909 :	— :	24.8 :	30.0 :	30.0 :	— :
French West Africa	1,985 :	2,025 :	2,129 :	— :	616 :	762 :	845 :	— :	1,222.6 :	1,543.0 :	1,800.0 :	— :
Madagascar	1,712 :	2,050 :	2,000 :	— :	1,256 :	1,203 :	— :	— :	2,151.1 :	2,466.2 :	— :	— :
Union of South Africa and Swaziland	— :	— :	— :	— :	— :	— :	— :	— :	15.6 :	33.0 :	30.0 :	23.0 :
Total Africa	6,989 :	7,677 :	7,865 :	7,597 :	1,119 :	1,257 :	1,338 :	1,141 :	7,818.1 :	9,653.5 :	10,524.3 :	8,669.6 :
Asia:												
Iran	557 :	620 :	610 :	550 :	1,750 :	1,774 :	1,754 :	1,818 :	974.7 :	1,100.0 :	1,070.0 :	1,000.0 :
Iraq	545 :	425 :	500 :	550 :	1,151 :	941 :	1,300 :	1,273 :	627.2 :	400.0 :	650.0 :	700.0 :
Syria	12 :	7 :	7 :	6 :	2,200 :	2,857 :	2,857 :	2,783 :	26.4 :	20.0 :	20.0 :	16.7 :
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	99 :	104 :	173 :	120 :	2,876 :	2,928 :	2,201 :	2,208 :	284.7 :	304.5 :	380.7 :	265.0 :
Burma	10,780 :	11,150 :	10,750 :	11,500 :	1,289 :	1,408 :	1,209 :	1,461 :	13,900.0 :	15,700.0 :	13,000.0 :	16,800.0 :
Cambodia 3/	2,853 :	3,173 :	2,842 :	2,900 :	987 :	1,062 :	969 :	1,034 :	2,817.0 :	3,368.6 :	2,755.0 :	3,000.0 :
Ceylon	920 :	896 :	1,025 :	1,000 :	1,330 :	1,440 :	1,312 :	1,450 :	1,223.4 :	1,290.1 :	1,345.0 :	1,450.0 :
China, Taiwan	1,912 :	1,954 :	1,929 :	1,950 :	2,388 :	2,702 :	2,777 :	2,821 :	4,565.0 :	5,279.3 :	5,356.5 :	5,500.0 :
India 3/	75,448 :	79,320 :	79,447 :	82,000 :	1,089 :	1,199 :	1,053 :	1,222 :	82,150.0 :	95,112.4 :	83,688.3 :	100,200.0 :
Indonesia	15,939 :	16,500 :	16,700 :	17,000 :	1,450 :	1,495 :	1,521 :	1,529 :	23,118.3 :	24,674.5 :	25,400.0 :	26,000.0 :
Japan 4/	7,754 :	7,970 :	7,987 :	8,020 :	3,394 :	3,747 :	3,935 :	4,100 :	26,316.6 :	29,862.4 :	31,430.4 :	32,884.8 :
Korea, South	2,550 :	2,710 :	2,730 :	2,740 :	2,567 :	2,214 :	2,711 :	2,810 :	6,546.0 :	6,000.0 :	7,400.0 :	7,700.0 :
Laos 3/	1,391 :	1,530 :	1,500 :	1,530 :	697 :	756 :	733 :	752 :	970.0 :	1,157.4 :	1,100.0 :	1,150.0 :
Malaya	836 :	889 :	901 :	916 :	1,739 :	1,950 :	1,955 :	1,747 :	1,453.4 :	1,733.8 :	1,761.7 :	1,600.0 :
Pakistan 3/	23,226 :	22,451 :	22,962 :	22,500 :	1,207 :	1,349 :	1,243 :	1,244 :	28,023.9 :	30,280.5 :	28,541.8 :	28,000.0 :
Philippines	6,264 :	6,840 :	6,661 :	6,848 :	1,054 :	1,078 :	1,057 :	1,126 :	7,038.9 :	7,376.3 :	7,038.9 :	7,709.9 :
Thailand	13,153 :	14,238 :	11,308 :	13,014 :	1,162 :	1,285 :	1,119 :	1,126 :	15,281.2 :	18,291.6 :	12,652.2 :	15,700.0 :
Vietnam, South	4,330 :	5,587 :	5,992 :	6,050 :	1,201 :	1,188 :	1,049 :	1,165 :	5,200.0 :	6,635.0 :	6,285.0 :	7,050.0 :
Nepal	3,250 :	3,200 :	3,200 :	3,300 :	757 :	719 :	750 :	803 :	2,460.0 :	2,300.0 :	2,400.0 :	2,650.0 :
Total Asia, excluding Communist areas 5/	173,382 :	181,133 :	178,762 :	184,057 :	1,294 :	1,396 :	1,309 :	1,419 :	224,297.5 :	252,773.4 :	233,920.4 :	261,136.6 :
China, Mainland	59,200 :	64,000 :	64,500 :	68,000 :	2,259 :	2,266 :	2,326 :	2,647 :	133,730.0 :	145,000.0 :	130,000.0 :	180,000.0 :
Total Communist areas 5/	65,000 :	70,250 :	70,900 :	75,000 :	2,174 :	2,186 :	2,236 :	2,527 :	141,280.0 :	153,600.0 :	158,500.0 :	189,500.0 :
Total Asia	238,382 :	251,383 :	249,662 :	259,057 :	1,534 :	1,617 :	1,572 :	1,740 :	365,577.5 :	406,373.4 :	392,510.4 :	450,636.6 :
Oceania:												
Australia 2/	37 :	53 :	48 :	52 :	4,603 :	3,396 :	4,958 :	4,712 :	170.3 :	180.0 :	238.0 :	245.0 :
Total Oceania	108 :	126 :	110 :	125 :	2,431 :	2,218 :	2,900 :	2,746 :	268.0 :	279.5 :	319.0 :	343.2 :
World total	256,372 :	270,928 :	269,013 :	278,432 :	1,537 :	1,621 :	1,580 :	1,729 :	394,115.4 :	439,183.7 :	425,211.8 :	481,463.0 :
Non-Communist countries	190,980 :	200,232 :	197,688 :	203,018 :	1,320 :	1,422 :	1,345 :	1,434 :	252,063.9 :	284,712.6 :	265,881.1 :	291,156.8 :
Communist countries	65,392 :	70,696 :	71,325 :	75,414 :	2,172 :	2,185 :	2,234 :	2,523 :	142,051.5 :	154,471.1 :	159,330.7 :	190,306.2 :

1/ Crops harvested in Northern Hemisphere during the latter part of the year, together with those harvested in Asia from November to May, are combined with crops harvested in Southern Hemisphere countries during the first part of the following year. Harvested acreage is shown unless data for planted acreage only are available. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Planted acreage. 4/ Tentative revisions through 1954. 5/ Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

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The largest acreage increase is in India, which this year planted 40 percent of the world's non-Communist rice acreage. Yields per acre were the highest in several years, so that India's rice crop exceeded by 5 percent the previous record crop of 1956-57.

The Philippines, Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaya, South Vietnam, and other Asian countries also increased rice acreage. Burma and the Philippines had exceptionally good weather for rice production and yields were very high. Production was less than in the preceding year only in Pakistan, Malaya, and the Near East.

Estimates of rice production in Communist Asia (Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam) are unchanged from the summary in Foreign Crops and Markets, World Summaries, November 20, 1958. Most of the 1958-59 increase is due to unusually good yields in Communist China.

Western Europe had its largest rice harvest since 1955. Acreage was up from last year but below the 1950-54 average. Italy restricted acreage below average and Spain's acreage was lower. However, increased yields per acre raised Western Europe's production to about the 1950-54 level. Production in Eastern Europe was the smallest in 3 years; acreage dropped, and about-average yields were harvested.

North America's rice crop increased 7 percent, and was 3 percent above the 1950-54 average. U.S. production increased because of larger acreage and new record yields, but acreage and output were both below the average. Total production in other North American countries was 25 percent greater than in 1950-54, mainly because Mexico, the Caribbean area, and Central America have been increasing rice acreage.

South America's acreage was 2 percent above the year before and 17 percent more than average in 1950-51/54-55. However, bad weather cut production sharply in several areas. Brazil planted more rice, but floods in the State of Rio Grande do Sul and drought in Sao Paulo and other central states greatly reduced the yields. British Guiana had a record crop, despite a severe spring drought. Floods during harvest greatly reduced production in Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile, and late rains prevented some of Peru's intended rice acreage from being planted. Colombia, Ecuador, and Surinam had good rice crops.

Africa's 1958-59 production is substantially below that of the year before. Egypt, the largest producer, reduced acreage because of limited water supplies. Also, Madagascar's crop was materially reduced by cyclones this spring.

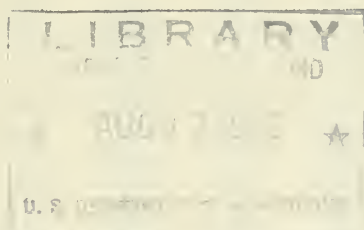
Australia is again harvesting a record rice crop. A near-record acreage was planted, and yields per acre are nearly up to the unusually high yields of 1957-58.



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WORLD RICE TRADE

DOWN IN 1958

International trade in rice in 1958 was about 4 percent below the preceding year, according to a preliminary estimate of the Foreign Agricultural Service. Exports from non-Communist countries were down 11 percent. However, considerably more exports from Mainland China than expected early in the year largely offset the decline.

The 1958 world rice exports, including reexports, in terms of milled rice, are estimated at 13.1 billion pounds, compared with 13.7 billion in 1957, and the postwar record of 14.6 billion (revised) in 1956. Rice exports were still only two-thirds of the average 20 billion pounds exported prior to World War II (1936-40).

Rice exports from the main exporting countries of Asia -- Burma and Thailand -- were greatly reduced because of poor crops, and U.S. exports were substantially less. On the other hand, more rice was exported from countries in Europe, Africa, South America, and Oceania.

Exporting countries: Burma's exports in 1958 were the smallest in 6 years, but were 7 percent above the 1951-55 average. Greatly reduced exports from Thailand were the lowest since 1948, and 18 percent below the average.

Even though Mainland China did not fulfill all of its agreements to export rice in 1958, it was the third largest exporter. The rice went principally to Ceylon, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Pakistan. A large volume usually is exported from China to the U.S.S.R., but data on such trade in 1958 are not yet available.

U.S. rice exports were down 25 percent from a year earlier, and were 6 percent less than the 1951-55 average. Of the exports, 37 percent was shipped under government programs.

RICE (in terms of milled): International trade, average 1951-55, annual 1956-58

Continent and country	Average 1951-55		1956		1957 1/		1958 1/	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
North America:								
British Honduras	—	2,751	—	2,963	—	2,645	—	3,042
Canada	7,045	70,341	5,702	88,242	5,351	77,042	83	75,704
Costa Rica	739	2,730	0	13,561	0	8,349	0	9,848
El Salvador	1,502	4,884	110	11,046	2,412	1,691	1,365	1,806
Guatemala	470	1,535	—	3,579	—	7,112	—	5,000
Honduras 2/	814	1,544	46	3,114	924	586	—	—
Mexico	1,237	236	3,136	155	12,273	376	17,150	1,110
Nicaragua	19,669	525	517	10,165	3,772	1,487	—	—
United States	1,388,982	29,806	2,147,878	25,942	1,730,775	22,446	1,305,410	11,978
Bahamas	—	3,936	—	4,134	—	4,885	—	—
Barbados	—	18,295	—	17,684	—	19,006	—	20,845
Bermuda	—	485	—	528	—	456	—	437
Cuba	604	470,076	0	300,070	—	421,846	—	411,095
Dominican Republic	711	739	3/	106	0	3/	4/	31
Guadeloupe	—	16,036	—	22,024	—	21,206	—	12,496
Jamaica	50	34,895	38	24,092	—	33,263	—	54,998
Leeward and Windward Islands	119	11,772	121	13,800	—	12,500	—	—
Martinique	—	5,726	—	5,198	—	6,900	—	5/
Netherlands Antilles	113	6,839	31	7,070	86	7,831	141	6,098
Trinidad and Tobago	436	36,328	47	41,323	609	59,344	—	62,185
Total North America	1,422,540	722,802	2,159,731	597,941	1,756,213	712,494	1,326,680	712,584
Europe:								
Austria	7	56,887	0	84,585	2	60,206	2	67,799
Belgium-Luxembourg	17,150	82,871	58,622	182,133	59,223	139,553	54,345	114,421
Denmark	659	14,271	1,070	17,678	1,205	11,668	1,385	13,919
Finland	—	25,323	—	32,886	—	32,447	—	26,177
France	6,635	125,207	5,746	172,399	5,557	196,273	32,046	131,731
Germany, Western	3,354	188,654	4,129	258,246	11,592	196,760	11,874	264,003
Greece	10,560	15,324	1,978	11,001	2,116	23,997	831	25,834
Iceland	0	952	0	1,475	0	146	0	—
Ireland	—	5,976	—	6,597	—	4,317	—	6,699
Italy	492,764	2	770,611	769	316,406	1,862	403,746	220
Malta	3/	1,819	3/	2,214	1	1,747	—	—
Netherlands	60,279	151,023	65,690	162,860	54,440	132,183	70,225	150,530
Norway	2	8,059	1	10,983	3	10,928	0	12,961
Portugal	15,058	1,862	27,763	2,487	192	2,482	25,246	2,851
Spain	98,358	20	200,564	1	141,086	0	213,869	3
Sweden	102	18,324	24	24,705	4	18,516	20	20,736
Switzerland	2,657	38,916	26	71,805	40	48,735	30	55,168
United Kingdom	1,387	164,097	2,445	188,294	—	185,837	—	190,485
Yugoslavia	1,470	14,090	14,991	76,977	436	58,019	0	63,089
Total West Europe	710,442	913,677	1,153,660	1,308,095	594,303	1,125,676	815,619	1,149,626
Hungary	29,074	9,194	70,097	54,438	96,619	64,908	108,394	25,289
Estimated total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
East Europe and U.S.S.R.	53,514	889,794	97,432	1,783,738	170,914	1,269,612	223,394	704,289
Asia:								
Aden	6/	21,875	26,349	56,593	36,129	45,999	32,592	31,360
Saudi Arabia	—	103,154	—	90,000	—	200,000	—	150,000
Cyprus	—	4,582	—	8,966	—	5,801	—	7,013
Iran 7/	99,846	139	6,737	270	10,990	77	6,600	—
Iraq	9,733	4,403	4,140	32,309	5,983	33,404	5,364	8,865
Israel	—	11,200	—	26,389	—	26,907	8/	14,801
Jordan	—	19,824	—	33,862	—	40,294	—	—
Lebanon	1,961	22,874	101	31,147	142	37,360	22	27,639
United Arab Republic: Syria	2,180	22,427	4,262	42,968	571	51,054	2/	2/
Turkey	12,070	646	0	19,284	0	3/	8/	0
North Borneo	237	28,262	227	42,968	5	40,101	58	49,136
Brunei	—	7,716	—	9,126	—	11,142	—	13,534
Sarawak	113	61,043	69	84,088	6	105,214	8/	75,062
Burma	2,909,681	—	4,110,528	—	2,866,972	—	3,112,238	—
Ceylon	8,763	884,138	2,332	1,083,370	2,194	1,152,883	2,087	1,063,151
China 10/	752,000	75,000	2,200,000	190,000	1,000,000	110	1,850,000	110
Hong Kong	9,835	477,548	15,227	613,359	35,884	690,145	183,251	841,051
India 11/	54,354	1,167,579	98,920	904,220	16,100	1,750,000	—	950,000
Cambodia	267,498	—	109,410	—	428,845	—	464,831	—
Laos	—	6/	14,001	—	53,637	—	25,163	14,440
South Vietnam	335,855	125	49	60,800	405,362	35,900	247,806	10,300
Indonesia	16,983	904,664	0	1,682,495	0	1,242,156	0	1,504,000
Japan	5,157	2,438,037	258	1,674,636	57	765,336	79	1,114,335
Korea	0	245,671	0	43,078	0	402,256	0	15,300
Macao	10,916	58,281	1,102	40,785	0	45,856	—	—
Malaya	141,402	1,112,743	160,402	1,303,999	258,452	1,162,692	377,754	1,412,721
Pakistan	290,648	0	131,071	972,259	5,239	950,293	0	756,681
Philippines	2,549	131,888	45	93,477	15	171,748	62	431,478
Portuguese India	—	28,483	—	48,722	—	—	—	—
Ryukyu Islands	—	100,089	—	124,339	—	143,810	—	—
Taiwan	209,944	2,396	189,816	2	318,521	2	431,440	—
Thailand	3,042,006	7	2,804,935	3/	3,474,128	4	2,503,650	0
Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan	51,618	1,787	75,643	3,284	77,056	15,707	—	—
Total Asia	8,257,592	8,063,059	9,972,367	9,753,638	10,063,151	9,326,414	9,408,429	8,873,077

RICE (in terms of milled): International trade, average 1951-55, annual 1956-58 (Cont'd.)

Continent and country	Average 1951-55		1956		1957 1/		1958 1/	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
South America:								
Argentina	30,847:	0:	69,137:	72:	39,351:	0:	46,219:	—
Bolivia	—	23,314:	—	12,253:	—	25,342:	—	—
Brazil	150,720:	4,179:	223,986:	0:	726:	0:	86,786:	0
British Guiana	84,504:	—	92,670:	3/	85,485:	2/	39,595:	3/
Chile	3,125:	4,439:	0:	0:	0:	493:	0:	8,682
Colombia	11,943:	17,908:	3:	321:	5:	22,700:	0:	5/
Ecuador	60,082:	1,759:	25,786:	—	83,708:	—	56,724:	—
French Guiana	—	1,541:	—	1,521:	—	1,781:	—	5/
Peru	14,978:	18,118:	0:	391:	0:	44,611:	—	99,002
Surinam	16,824:	3/	32,359:	2,758:	24,809:	2,222:	32,931:	4,478
Uruguay	27,312:	—	84,482:	—	18,073:	—	20,657:	—
Venezuela	—	16,059:	—	7,035:	—	8:	—	58,000
Total South America	405,135:	87,393:	531,423:	24,351:	255,157:	97,157:	285,912:	196,686
Africa:								
Algeria	1,537:	7,991:	2,732:	11,906:	311:	17,842:	866:	15,938
Belgian Congo - Ruanda-Urundi ..	1,617:	136:	2,428:	319:	4,108:	322:	2,772:	323
Kenya	555:	13,954:	261:	7,839:	139:	21,610:	—	12,797
Tanganyika	859:	1,396:	3,513:	3,859:	4,083:	8,328:	—	2,209
Uganda	0:	9,251:	0:	5,255:	22:	9,898:	0:	12,351
Zanzibar	2,356:	29,873:	925:	26,367:	252:	30,530:	—	18,540
British Somaliland	—	7,143:	—	19,841:	—	8,818:	—	—
Gambia	—	8,225:	—	14,638:	—	24,855:	—	17,562
Sierra Leone	512:	11,980:	196:	82,431:	32:	69,556:	120:	48,795
Comoro Archipelago	—	6/ 8,517:	—	12,714:	—	12,240:	—	13/ 5,622
Cape Verde Islands	—	1,170:	—	1,303:	—	1,431:	—	2,194
United Arab Republic: Egypt ...	249,179:	118:	487,323:	47:	652,158:	96/ 2/	810,940:	—
French Cameroons	370:	9,264:	101:	5,844:	18:	9,374:	—	8,788
Ethiopia 12/	—	1,280:	—	7,698:	—	13,265:	—	25,270
French Equatorial Africa	1:	4,005:	4:	3,007:	—	7,549:	—	6,307
French Somaliland	—	3,219:	—	5,291:	—	—	—	—
French West Africa	273:	162,373:	12,974:	212,337:	—	331,712:	—	230,000
French Togoland	—	2,279:	—	3,576:	—	3,794:	—	—
Ghana	535:	7,004:	—	19,618:	—	40,905:	—	31,276
Liberia	1:	11,692:	1:	26,362:	1:	29,209:	—	—
Libya	—	6,418:	—	13,320:	—	9,039:	—	5/ 3,973
Malgache Republic (Madagascar):	64,680:	1,992:	79,745:	9:	46,257:	15,443:	128,300:	—
Mauritius	—	105,560:	—	99,430:	—	136,862:	—	144,644
Morocco	19,180:	2,742:	21,339:	2,332:	18,881:	932:	16,200:	—
Mozambique	6,982:	3/	9,472:	1:	8,030:	2:	3,256:	—
Nigeria	238:	1,152:	90:	2,088:	78:	3,609:	78:	1,488
Angola	6,575:	44:	8,651:	85:	8,317:	66:	2,385:	—
Portuguese Guinea	2,252:	0:	7,353:	0:	131:	—	—	—
Sao Tome and Principe	—	4,229:	—	4,927:	—	3,340:	—	—
Reunion	—	56,167:	—	77,833:	—	78,005:	—	5/ 53,521
Rhodesias - Nyasaland	1,155:	2,392:	3,875:	111:	510:	3,115:	—	—
Seychelles Islands	—	5,407:	—	3,860:	—	6,272:	—	—
Somaliland	—	4,188:	—	11,030:	—	4,348:	—	—
Spanish Guinea	47:	7,145:	—	10,930:	—	13,479:	—	—
Sudan	67:	6,534:	0:	4,630:	0:	10,626:	0:	5,655
Tunisia	16:	2,337:	853:	5,470:	0:	3,581:	—	—
Union of South Africa	702:	36,711:	121:	69,483:	268:	106,394:	—	85,132
Total Africa	359,689:	543,837:	641,957:	775,791:	744,096:	1,043,447:	977,702:	840,935
Oceania:								
Australia	2/ 70,697:	2/ 48:	74,251:	—	67,418:	—	94,507:	—
New Guinea 2/	—	19,156:	—	24,436:	—	26,340:	—	25,000
British Solomon Islands	—	3,537:	—	5,051:	—	3,968:	—	14,400
Fiji	—	1,449:	—	6,698:	—	4,225:	—	13/ 5,251
French Oceania	—	2,910:	—	2,138:	—	3,812:	—	—
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	—	1,206:	—	730:	—	870:	—	1,320
New Caledonia	—	5,250:	—	6,058:	—	4,204:	—	5/ 5,320
New Hebrides	—	3,390:	—	3,649:	—	3,913:	—	5,100
New Zealand	48:	5,503:	53:	7,034:	47:	5,869:	—	7,448
Papua 2/	1:	10,269:	—	13,406:	—	11,729:	—	—
Total Oceania	70,783:	56,601:	74,304:	76,561:	67,465:	73,485:	94,547:	76,969
World total 14/	11,279,695:	11,277,213:	14,630,874:	14,320,115:	13,651,299:	13,648,285:	13,132,283:	12,554,166

1/ Preliminary. 2/ July-June. 3/ Less than 500 pounds. 4/ January-October. 5/ January-September. 6/ Less than 5-year average. 7/ March 21-March 2-. 8/ January-November. 9/ Trade between Egypt and Syria excluded beginning 1958. 10/ Trade returns of importing countries show China's 1956 and 1957 rice exports considerably above previous estimates. 11/ Includes trade with Nepal, Bhutan, and Tibet. 12/ September 11-September 10. 13/ January-June. 14/ Includes milled, broken, semi-milled unconverted and rough rice in terms of milled.

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Rice exports were above average in Egypt, Taiwan (Nationalist China), Cambodia, Spain, Hungary, Argentina, and Australia. Though more rice was exported from Italy than in 1957, exports were below average. The quantities shipped from Iran and Iraq also were below the 1951-55 average.

Importing countries: Indonesia and Malaya were the largest importers of rice in 1958. Much of the rise in the imports of Malaya and Hong Kong was offset by increased reexports to nearby areas, principally Indonesia. Japan, ranking third in imports, took more rice than in the year before, but less than one-half the average imports of 1951-55. India greatly reduced its imports.

Rice imports into Western Europe were slightly more than in the year before, and 26 percent above the 1951-55 average. The principal importers were West Germany, the United Kingdom, Netherlands, France, and Belgium-Luxembourg. Imports into North American countries approximated those of 1957, but were less than the average. South American imports, mainly by Venezuela and Peru, more than doubled.

Outlook: Even though world exportable supplies of rice in January 1959 were much larger than at the beginning of 1958, exports in the first half of 1959 were slower. The countries usually importing large volumes of rice had large crops, and have delayed purchases, apparently hoping for a downward trend in prices.

Burma's and Thailand's export supplies in 1959 have been officially announced at 4 and 2.6 billion pounds, respectively, compared with 3.1 and 2.5 billion exported in 1958. Burma's port and internal transportation facilities in the last half of 1959 may limit actual exports to not much over 3.5 billion pounds. The United States also has a larger exportable supply.

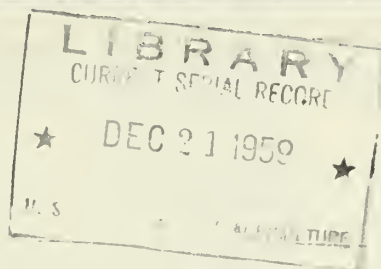
An unusual feature in foreign trade is that adverse weather in several lesser exporting countries reduced rice crops so that not only are the countries unable to export, but they are having to import rice from other sources. Production was down because of limited supplies of irrigation water in Egypt, floods in Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay, and hurricanes in the Malgache Republic (Madagascar).

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EXPANSION IN WORLD RICE

CULTIVATION CONTINUES

World rice cultivation in 1959-60 (August-July) continued to expand in large areas over the world, according to the first estimate of the Foreign Agricultural Service. World acreage will exceed last year's record. Areas outside Communist China have record acreage and production. However, due to a drop in Communist China's output -- about a third of the world total production -- the world harvest is below last year.

World production of rough rice in 1959-60 is tentatively estimated at 471,000 million pounds, compared with 480,100 million in 1958-59, and 427,400 million pounds in 1957-58. Average production from 1950-51 through 1954-55 was 395,900 million pounds.

The record 1959-60 world acreage in rice is estimated at 280 million acres, up 2 million from last year, 11 million over 2 years earlier, and 24 million more than the average. Acreage increased on all continents except Australia, where it approximates that of last year.

World rice production, excluding Communist China, is 300,400 million pounds of rough rice, an increase of 6,100 million over 1958-59 and 46,800 million over the 1950-51/54-55 average. Acreage increased to 207 million acres, compared with 203 million the year before. Also, yields per acre were higher in many countries because of favorable weather and improved cultivation.

Rice yields per acre have increased remarkably in recent years in a surprising number of countries. Generally, 1959-60 per acre yields in countries whose crops are already harvested, or are beginning to be harvested, are above those of the relatively high 1958-59 level. However, it is still too early in the season to know the outturn in some important rice areas. If weather continues favorable, their yields, too, may be higher than now estimated.

Africa:														
Algeria	3	5	4	3,200	2,480	2,200	3,781	1,829.4	2,900.0	1,726.7	2,760.0	8.8	---	---
Egypt	539	760	538	730	3,394	3,209	3,533	1,829.4	2,900.0	1,726.7	2,760.0	8.8	---	---
Morocco	10	15	14	15	3,590	3,557	3,533	1,829.4	2,900.0	1,726.7	2,760.0	8.8	---	---
Total North Africa	552	780	556	751	3,397	3,211	3,770	1,874.9	2,965.3	1,785.3	2,831.0	8.8	---	---
Belgian Congo	416	403	400	---	921	948	---	383.2	382.2	397.0	---	---	---	---
French Camerouns	13	17	18	19	859	856	811	10.4	14.6	15.4	---	---	---	---
French Equatorial Africa ^{4/}	53	70	---	---	928	1,357	---	49.2	95.0	125.0	---	---	---	---
French West Africa ^{5/}	1,985	2,129	---	---	616	845	---	1,222.6	1,800.0	---	---	---	---	---
Malagache Republic (Madagascar)	1,712	2,100	---	---	1,256	1,262	---	2,151.1	2,650.0	---	---	---	---	---
Total Africa	6,989	7,973	7,601	7,970	1,119	1,309	1,273	7,818.1	10,433.5	8,571.9	10,142.4	---	---	---
Asia:														
Iran	557	610	550	640	1,750	1,754	1,812	974.7	1,070.0	960.0	1,160.0	---	---	---
Iraq	545	500	550	---	1,151	1,300	---	627.2	650.0	700.0	---	---	---	---
Syria	12	7	6	---	2,200	2,857	---	26.4	20.0	16.7	---	---	---	---
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	99	173	146	121	2,876	2,201	2,479	284.7	380.7	305.0	300.0	---	---	---
Burma	10,780	10,750	11,800	12,200	1,438	1,349	1,517	15,500.0	14,500.0	17,900.0	18,800.0	---	---	---
Cambodia ^{3/}	2,853	2,842	2,900	3,000	987	969	1,033	2,817.0	2,755.0	3,000.0	3,100.0	---	---	---
Ceylon	920	958	1,075	---	1,330	1,528	---	1,223.4	1,464.1	1,700.0	---	---	---	---
China, Taiwan	1,912	1,929	1,914	---	2,388	2,777	---	4,565.0	5,356.5	5,417.1	---	---	---	---
India ^{3/}	75,448	79,447	82,000	82,500	1,089	1,053	1,236	82,150.0	83,688.3	100,200.0	102,000.0	---	---	---
Indonesia	15,939	16,700	17,500	---	1,450	1,521	---	23,118.3	25,400.0	26,800.0	---	---	---	---
Japan ^{5/}	7,754	7,987	8,020	8,100	3,394	3,956	4,121	26,316.6	31,592.6	33,049.7	34,000.0	---	---	---
Korea, South	2,550	2,731	2,739	2,750	2,549	2,491	2,727	6,500.0	6,803.0	7,173.5	7,500.0	---	---	---
Laos ^{3/}	1,391	1,500	1,530	1,550	697	733	742	970.0	1,100.0	1,150.0	1,150.0	---	---	---
Malaya	836	901	916	940	1,739	1,955	1,888	1,453.4	1,761.7	1,600.8	1,775.0	---	---	---
Nepal	3,250	3,200	3,300	---	757	750	---	2,460.0	2,400.0	2,650.0	---	---	---	---
Pakistan ^{3/}	23,226	22,962	22,491	22,600	1,207	1,243	1,243	28,023.9	28,541.8	28,087.8	28,100.0	---	---	---
Philippine Republic	6,264	6,661	7,341	---	1,054	1,057	---	6,603.3	7,038.9	8,122.7	---	---	---	---
Thailand	13,153	10,979	11,308	13,650	1,162	1,152	1,209	15,281.2	12,652.2	15,704.4	16,500.0	---	---	---
Total Asia, excluding Communist areas	173,382	178,367	183,698	187,307	1,303	1,319	1,426	225,851.5	235,194.1	263,345.7	267,150.3	---	---	---
China, Mainland	59,200	64,500	68,000	66,000	2,299	2,326	2,574	133,730.0	150,000.0	175,000.0	160,000.0	---	---	---
Total Communist areas ^{7/}	65,000	70,900	74,900	72,700	2,174	2,236	2,461	141,280.0	158,500.0	184,300.0	169,000.0	---	---	---
Total Asia	238,382	249,267	258,598	260,007	1,540	1,579	1,731	367,131.5	393,694.1	447,645.7	436,170.3	---	---	---
Oceania:														
Australia ^{3/}	37	48	53	53	4,603	4,958	4,434	170.3	298.0	287.8	235.0	---	---	---
Fiji	35	35	---	---	1,649	1,543	---	57.7	54.0	---	---	---	---	---
Total Oceania	108	120	126	126	2,481	2,783	2,675	268.0	334.0	389.0	337.0	---	---	---
World total	256,487	268,860	278,099	280,202	1,544	1,590	1,681	395,924.4	427,368.0	480,117.5	471,022.2	---	---	---
Non-Communist countries	190,980	197,425	202,677	206,972	1,328	1,354	1,452	253,617.9	267,276.8	294,261.3	300,427.2	---	---	---
Communist countries	65,507	71,435	75,422	73,230	2,172	2,241	2,330	142,306.5	160,091.2	185,856.2	170,595.0	---	---	---

^{1/} Crops harvested in Northern Hemisphere during the latter part of the year, together with those harvested in Asia principally from November to May, are combined with crops harvested in Southern Hemisphere countries during the first part of the following year. Harvested acreage is shown unless data for planted acreage only are available. ^{2/} Preliminary. ^{3/} Planted acreage. ^{4/} Includes the semi-independent republics of Chad, Gabon, Congo Republic and Central African Republics, formerly the Federation of French Equatorial Africa. ^{5/} Includes the Republic of Guinea and the semi-independent republics of Mauritania, Senegal, Sudan, Ivory Coast, Niger, Volta, and Dahomey, formerly known as the Federation of French West Africa. ^{6/} Tentative revisions through 1954. ^{7/} Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

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Countries of Asia, excluding Communist China, produce over half the world crop. Their harvest increased 3,800 million pounds over the preceding year and was 32,000 million pounds larger than the poor crop of 2 years earlier. Production is 18 percent above the average.

Very good crops were harvested again in India, Japan, and Pakistan, the largest producers next to Communist China. Acreage increased and weather was generally favorable. Production is up in Malaya and Korea. The Philippines are expecting another large crop, but whether it will exceed last year's bumper harvest is not yet known. It was recently reported that the Philippines had as much as a 400,000-increase in acreage in 1958-59.

Larger crops are also being harvested in the principal exporting countries of Asia -- Burma, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam. The combined production of Burma and Thailand -- exporters of over half the world rice trade -- is estimated at 35,300 million pounds of rough rice, compared with 33,600 million in 1958-59.

Production in Western Europe approximates that of last year. Decreased production in Italy and France was offset by gains in Spain, Portugal, and Greece. In Eastern Europe, the total estimated acreage of Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria shows an increase of 16 percent over the 1950-54 average. Because of greatly increased yields per acre, production is 33 percent higher. As a result of a plan for increased rice production, Rumania's acreage is reported to be up sharply in 1959.

The ever-increasing rice production of the Western Hemisphere is due to both expanding acreage and higher yields per acre. The U.S. crop is the largest in 4 years as the result of an 11-percent increase in acreage and 1.8 percent gain in average yields per acre. In other North America, the combined acreage of Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, at 1,325,000 acres, is 70,000 acres more than last year and 296,000 above the average. The increase in the last 3 years has been greatest in Mexico, Panama, and Costa Rica.

Rice acreage of South America is continuing its steady advance, notably in Brazil, Argentina, and Colombia. It is still too early to estimate the South American rice crops, which will be mainly harvested next March-to-August.

Acreage and production of Africa are well above 1958-59, but not up to 1957-58 records. Recent reports indicate Egypt's crop may approximate the bumper harvest of 2 years ago.

Australia's rice acreage is up to the record level of a year ago. Although less favorable growing conditions will result in a smaller crop than last year, it is expected to be well above average.